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Committee Bill No. 5138

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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Introduced by:
(VA)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE PLACEMENT OF UNITED STATES
FLAGS ON THE GRAVES OF VETERANS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 19a-297 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 The selectmen of towns, cemetery associations or ecclesiastical
4 societies, having the care of cemeteries, may (1) enact bylaws
5 providing for the care and management of all burial lots, and the
6 protection of all shrubs, trees, fences and monuments thereon,
7 provided no such bylaws shall (A) require or result in the removal or
8 banishing of any undamaged United States flag or armed forces
9 service marker, including flagholders provided by veterans
10 organizations, from any grave site, or (B) restrict the placement of flags
11 on the graves of veterans from the Saturday before Memorial Day in
12 each year until the Monday after the fourth of July, and [may] (2)
13 appoint superintendents and sextons for such cemeteries. [, who] Such
14 superintendents and sextons shall have the exclusive right to direct the
15 opening of graves, and no grave shall be opened in any cemetery
16 except with the consent of the superintendent or sexton. Any person to

17 whom such bylaws have been made known who violates the same
18 shall be fined not more than ten dollars. The incorporators, organizers
19 or members of any cemetery association or, if no incorporators,
20 organizers or members are living, the owners of burial lots therein, by
21 a majority vote, may, at any meeting called for that purpose, amend its
22 articles of association or its bylaws.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	19a-297
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